

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 2000 349637 A (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD) 15 December 2000 (2000-12-15) paragraphs '0044! - '0059!; figures 2,3,5	1,2,12, 16
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Y	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 018, no. 661 (E-1644), 14 December 1994 (1994-12-14) -& JP 06 260861 A (HITACHI DENSHI LTD), 16 September 1994 (1994-09-16) abstract	3-5
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Y	<p>CHEN F ET AL: "A 20-B DYNAMIC-RANGE FLOATING-POINT DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM" 1 February 1991 (1991-02-01), IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS, IEEE INC. NEW YORK, US, PAGE(S) 10-14 , XP000220450 ISSN: 0278-0046 page 12, column 1, lines 17-20 -----</p>	4,5

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## Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
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## Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
  
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-5, 12, 16

Claims 1-5, 12, 16 are directed to a device as defined by claims 1 and 2, further defined by the gain determining circuit having two inputs (claims 1-5, 12) and corresponding method (claim 16).

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2. claims: 1, 6, 16

Claims 1, 6, 16 are directed to a device as defined by claim 1, further defined by a delay circuit (claims 1, 6) and corresponding method (claim 16).

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3. claims: 1, 7, 8, 16

Claims 1, 7, 8, 16 are directed to a device as defined by claim 1, further defined by a waveform generating circuit (claims 1, 7, 8) and corresponding method (claim 16).

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4. claims: 1, 9, 16

Claims 1, 9, 16 are directed to a device as defined by claim 1, further defined by a level adapting circuit (claims 1, 9) and corresponding method (claim 16).

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5. claims: 1, 2, 10, 16

Claims 1, 2, 10, 16 are directed to a device as defined by claims 1 and 2, further defined by the analogue-to-digital converter being of the sigma delta type (claims 1, 2, 10) and corresponding method (claim 16).

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6. claims: 1, 2, 11, 16

Claims 1, 2, 11, 16 are directed to a device as defined by claims 1 and 2, further defined by the analogue-to-digital converter comprising the second gain controller (claims 1, 2, 11) and corresponding method (claim 16).

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7. claims: 1, 2, 13, 14, 16

Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 16 are directed to a device as defined by claims 1 and 2, further defined by a digital processing circuit and a digital gain controller (claims 1, 2, 13, 14) and corresponding method (claim 16).

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

8. claims: 1, 15, 16, 17

Claims 1, 15, 16, 17 are directed to a device as defined by claim 1, further defined by an automatic calibration circuit (claims 1, 15) and corresponding method (claims 16, 17).

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9. claims: 1, 16, 18

Claims 1, 16, 18 are directed to a device as defined by claim 1, further defined by the device being an audio apparatus (claims 1, 18) and corresponding method (claim 16).

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